GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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QUOTA OF TATKAL TICKETS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that the quota of 'tatkal tickets' are quite often not sold and the Railways had to incur huge losses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways have any proposal to give the option of booking tatkal tickets to waitlisted passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the revenue likely to be generated as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): No, Sir. Reservation under Tatkal scheme is available only upto the time of preparation of chart and the unutilized Tatkal accommodation is released to general waitlist passengers at that point of time.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): With a view to improve Tatkal utilization in those trains in which the utilization of Tatkal accommodation is less than 50% in sleeper class and to save the botheration of general wait listed passengers to go to reservation counter again to book berths under Tatkal scheme, instructions have been issued to Zonal Railways that wait listed passengers of such trains should be given an opportunity to opt for booking under Tatkal Quota (upto 50% of total Tatkal quota) at the time of buying their waitlist ticket itself even before start of the advance reservation period of Tatkal booking for that train. It is not feasible to quantify the additional revenue likely to be generated on this account.